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Inventory No:	EAS.18
Historic Name:	Wareham, William House
Common Name:	
Address:	1240 State Hwy
City/Town:	Eastham
Village/Neighborhood:	
Local No:	18-051E
Year Constructed:	r 1850
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	No style
Use(s):	Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood Clapboard; Wood Shingle; Wood Foundation: Brick



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FORM B - BUILDING

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Boston, Massachusetts 02125

Assessor's
Number

18/051E

USGS Quad

Orleans

Area(s)

Form Number

18

Town

Eastham

Neighborhood or village)

1240 State Highway

Public Name

Present

Residential

Original

"

Year of Construction

Mid 19th century

See Bibliography*

Form Modified gable-end with lateral wing

Architect/Builder

Construction Material:

Foundation

Brick

Wall/Trim Clapboard (Front and Side Elevations); Shingles (Rear Elevation)

Roof

Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Major Alterations (with dates)

See Architectural Description

Condition

Good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage

.49 acres

Setting Located in a densely-settled, mixed-use, but largely residential section of Route 6, the major, Cape Cod, inter-community thoroughfare, the former county road and a continuation of the original Old King's Highway.

here. Indicate North.



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BUILDING FORM

1240 State Highway

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION See continuation sheet.

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

This 1 1/2-story, gable-roofed house has been modified from a variant of the gable-end dwelling with lateral wing set flush to the plane of the facade, a common house form in Eastham. An historic photograph on file at the Eastham Historical Society Archives shows the 3 x 2 bay, main block to have the extant center entry between the single window bay to the north and the square bay to the south, but a middle window in the facade gable has been removed. The secondary entry, formerly located immediately south of the square bay on the 1 1/2-story, lateral wing has been lost and the roof line has been raised to allow installation of second level, facade windows. Other alterations include the expansion of the square bay on the north elevation to be flush with the facade, replacement of 6/6, double-hung sash with 2/2 double-hung sash, addition of an open porch on the south elevation to extend beyond a widened, 1 1/2-story, rear ell that originally housed a utility area. A cupola has been removed from its gable roof and a wall dormer has been added to the north slope of the rear ell. A 1-story, gable-roofed projection still extends the rear ell and a shed-roofed addition has been made across the rear elevation of the lateral wing. Louvered blinds have been removed.

Remaining detail consists of end boards and boxed, molded cornice. The chimney on the lateral wing has been rebuilt, one on the rear ell has been relocated toward the rear and another formerly located on the main block has been removed. Some 6/6, double-hung sash remains, but 2/1 windows also are in place. The main entry consists of a paneled, wooden cottage door with square light and plain trim. A modern, 9-light, cottage door opens to the side porch.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE X See continuation sheet.

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

Although there was likely an earlier owner, title research by Ruth Mayo on file at the Eastham Historical Society Archives, attributes this property to William Wareham (b. Yarmouth, 1836; d. 1905) the son of William (1805-1861) and Jedidah (Cole) Wareham (1800-187?). Primary records and secondary sources conflict. Ruth Mayo located William Wareham in Eastham Assessor's Records between 1883 to 1898; from 1883 and 1887 as a non-resident from Provincetown. Deyo records that William Wareham lived in Eastham from age 2, except for 23 years residence in Provincetown. According to Deyo's history, William Wareham went to sea at age 9 and retired in 1884 after 23 years as a master of vessels. Lowe indicates William Wareham became a seafarer at age 11.

William Wareham married Alice Doane, daughter of Elijah and Lydia (Smith) Doane, and granddaughter of Nehemiah Doane and Freeman Smith. They had four

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES X See continuation sheet.

 Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places;
If checked, see attached National Register Criteria Statement form.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (continued)

children: William M. Smith (1858-1862); Bessie M. Smith, Mrs. Abealino (*sic.*) Doane (1864-1921), Augustus W. Smith and Alice L. Smith.

In 1898, William and Alice Doane Wareham sold the property of 4 acres with dwelling, barn and other outbuildings as well as other parcels of land to Edmund L. Knowles of Fall River for \$1300. The latter is listed as a farmer in the Eastham directory of 1901

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